

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : പരാതി കൊടുത്താൽ അയ്
 ടെ ആ പള്ളിക്കൂട്ടത്തിൽ മാനേജർ വച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയില്ലെന്നു മെ
 വർക്കു അറിയാമോ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : He is asking hypo-
 thetical questions.

President : Yes. The honourable member must point out
 a particular case in which a teacher complained and lost his job.
 Can he?

The Agricultural Board.

241. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Govern-
 ment be pleased to state :

- (a) the numerical strength of the Catholics of this country ;
- (b) the population of (i) Marthomites ; and (ii) Maho-
 medans ; and
- (c) whether they will lay on the table a statement, by caste,
 of the members of the Agricultural Board, showing their com-
 munity, occupation, total population and number ?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai : (a) and (b) Can be had
 from the latest Census Report of the State.

(c)

<i>Community.</i>	<i>Population.</i>	<i>Number of members.</i>
Brahmins	68,072	1
Nairs	868,411	7
Nanjinaid Vellalas	27,534	2
Ezhavas	869,863	1
Pulayas	207,337	1
Muslims	353,274	1
Christians	16,04,475	2

Information regarding the occupation of the several members
 is not available.

Marketing Officers.

242. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Govern-
 ment be pleased to state :

- (a) the duties of Marketing Officers ;
- (b) whether there is any definite ruling about their duties ;
- (c) what particulars they have been able to supply to the
 All-India Marketing Officer about this country ;
- (d) how the said officers are to collect the necessary infor-
 mation ;
- (e) the means and opportunities offered to them for that ;
- (f) in what manner they will inform the general public of
 the particulars ;

(g) whether the general public are to be informed of the results of the Marketing Officers' investigation as to the markets available for several kinds of articles; and

(h) the reason for not appointing the second Marketing Officer as yet?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: (a) The duties of the Marketing Officers are for the present confined to a survey of existing marketing conditions with respect to particular commodities as per instructions of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India. These surveys involve a study in minutest detail of the passage of a commodity from the producer to the final consumer with the prices and costs at each stage and of an investigation as to what part of the process is uneconomic.

(b) There are definite rules laid down by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser for the guidance of Marketing Officers all over India, and this Government have agreed to these rules being applied to the State Marketing staff.

(c) The Marketing Officers submit monthly progress reports of their work, regularly to the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India. A report on the survey of marketing of wheat has just been forwarded and the reports on the marketing survey of eggs and tobacco which are under preparation, will be forwarded soon. In due course reports on all the commodities dealt with will also be sent up.

(d) The Officers tour about extensively in the State, visiting markets, Railway Stations, Customs houses and interviewing cultivators, producers, merchants, manufacturers and distributors for the collection of facts and figures concerning each and every commodity dealt with.

(e) Funds have been provided for meeting the travelling allowances of the Marketing Officers. Government have circularised all Heads of Departments, Presidents of Municipal Councils and Chambers of Commerce to co-operate with and supply all information required by the Marketing Officers. The Railway staff have also instructions from their controlling Officers to allow the Marketing Officers to go through their books and to collect the necessary statistics.

(f) and (g) The general public will have the results of the investigations conducted, when the several reports are ordered to be published by the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India. The time and manner in which this information will be made available, can only be decided in consultation with the Agricultural Marketing Adviser as this is an All-India scheme.

[Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai.]

(h) A second Marketing Officer has been appointed with effect from the 24th Makaram 1111.

Unauthorised occupation of lands in the Karimannoor Pakuthi.

243. *Mr. J. John Kattakayam: Will the Government be pleased to state the extent of disafforested land, and Government waste, *poramboke* and swampy areas in the Karimannoor pakuthi, unauthorisedly occupied, enjoyed and inhabited by people?

Mr. K. George:

	<i>Acres.</i>	<i>Cents.</i>
Disafforested land unauthorisedly occupied and enjoyed by people	75	0
Do. Waste land	... 155	0
Do. <i>Poramboke</i> land	... 5	0
Do. Swampy area	... 66	69

Use of guns without licence.

244. *M. J. John Kattakayam: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of persons are even now using guns without licences, though it has been provided that guns shall have licences;

(b) whether such guns are even now being used largely in taluks like Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha; and

(c) whether for catching wild animals and such other purposes guns are being kept cocked in mountainous parts and whether, in consequence, it causes accidents even to human beings at times?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) The practice is reported to exist in certain mountainous parts of the Trivandrum and Kottayam Districts. There was one accident in the Kottayam District during 1109 and another in the Trivandrum District during 1111.

Use of country-made cartridges for fishing.

245. *Mr. J. John Kattakayam: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether fishing is done by the use of cartridges got down illegally from foreign lands;

(b) whether people without much influence and wealth fish with cartridges locally manufactured;

(c) whether accidents are frequently taking place on account of the use of country-made cartridges; and

(d) whether they will lay on the table a statement showing the number of persons who, on account of the use of such cartridges, got injured and who died by accident during the last six years?